

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2013

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen: Ted Poirier, Scott Littlefield, Gerry Taylor;
Treasurer/Selectmen Clerk Angela Cushman, CEO Jim Roberts

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

*Selectmen Ted Poirier declared the meeting open at 18:00.
Agenda approved by Selectmen.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action required at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fire Commission. The Selectmen will be meeting with the Fire Commission and the Lyman Selectmen on Monday, January 7th at 5 PM. Both Boards of Selectmen will need to schedule a meeting to finalize the changes to the Interlocal Agreement.
2. Road Update. Mike Souliere communicated that tree trimming has been completed on River Rd. The River Rd paving will probably not happen until next spring. Tree trimming on Hollis Rd will happen over the next couple of months. Shoulder work has been finished on one side of Bittersweet Rd. Mike will start the work at the end of Union Falls Rd. Dayton Sand & Gravel will probably pave that area once work is complete by Mike. The Selectmen discussed using recycled asphalt instead of concrete for shouldering roads from now on. The recycled asphalt is more money but it tends to last a lot longer than concrete. Ted asked whether we paint the outside of the roads with white paint to help save the shoulders. Currently, the town does not paint the outside of the roads. Angela Cushman, Treasurer, provided an update on the budget for roads.
3. RSU23 Withdrawal Committee. Gerry Taylor communicated that David Ordway, Town Attorney, is reviewing the Withdrawal Agreement drafted by the committee.

4. Neighborhood Crime Watch. Gerry Taylor communicated that a Sheriff will be present at the next Selectmen meeting to discuss establishing a Neighborhood Crime Watch from the Sheriff's Department.
5. MERC update. The Selectmen communicated that they attended a recent meeting to discuss the closing of MERC. Jim Roberts contacted BBI to discuss next steps. BBI indicated it's premature to discuss anything until a contract is signed between Casella and Biddeford. Jim provided BBI with a copy of the contract that the Town has with Casella. Currently, the Town contracts with BBI to haul our trash to MERC. Casella may offset the cost of hauling to a different location if they sell to Biddeford. The Selectmen are tentatively scheduled to meet again on the MERC closing on November 20th in Kennebunk at 6:30 PM.
6. York County Commission. The county will be changing their fiscal year from a calendar year to a July-June budget. The draft six-month budget shows a municipal assessment of \$8,024,784. This is exactly one-half of last years' assessment. The six-month budget is in addition to the normal yearly County assessment but may be paid in one year or over five years. The County will borrow a TAN each year to spread the payment over the number of years chosen by the municipalities. The payments for the transitional budget are due by December 31st and the twelve month budget will be due September 1st. The Town will need to notify the County office of its payment option.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Waste contract. With the closing of MERC a new waste handling contract was negotiated with Casella Waste Management and Pine Tree Waste. Also, the contract for solid waste collection services currently in place with BBI Waste Industries will remain in place even though Casella now owns BBI Waste Industries.
2. Foreclosure. Angela Cushman, Treasurer, communicated that there was one foreclosure. Angela to gather information on next steps.
3. Audit. The Town has received a draft. Angela Cushman to review and work with the Auditor to finalize.
4. Reaser complaint. The Selectmen reviewed the complaint and an Animal Control Officer Report and drafted and signed a response to Reaser.
5. York County Budget. There is a public hearing on January 16th regarding the six month proposed budget and the twelve month proposed budget. Angela Cushman to invite Jon Sylvester to a Selectmen's meeting.
6. Health Insurance. There was a 7% increase to health insurance effective January 1st. If an employee does not enroll in the health insurance offered by

the town the employee receives a pay in lieu benefit equal to have of the benefit provided to the employee enrolled in the insurance. In order to receive the pay in lieu of benefit the employee must provide proof of health insurance. An employee that is enrolled in the insurance is covered 100% by the Town.

7. Tax Collector reporting. As of Nov 30th there is \$224,856.60 due for 2012 real estate and property taxes. Also, for the month of November there were 179 vehicle registrations totaling \$37,689.37.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. SMRPC dues increase.
2. MMA – Employee Assistance Program
3. Budget Consideration
4. MMA Property & Casualty

SIGNED:

1. Waste Contract with Casella.
2. Response to Reaser.
3. Tax Collector reporting.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

1. Hollis Rd – shouldering & tree trimming
2. Union Falls Rd (at the end) – paving by Dayton Sand & Gravel
3. Policy for bid requests & performance bond requirements

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Littlefield made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) at 19:10.

Scott Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:30.

*Minutes may not be verbatim they may have been paraphrased for clarity.

_____ Ted Poirier, Chair

_____ Scott Littlefield

_____ Gerry Taylor